

# **MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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<b>Policy Subject: Patients Requesting Testing For HIV Antibody</b>	
<b>Policy Number: ICP 06</b>	<b>Standards/Statutes: ARM 37.27.130</b>
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## **PURPOSE:**

To provide optional, confidential HIV testing to the patients.

## **POLICY:**

This facility offers free optional, confidential HIV testing to the patients.

## **PROCEDURE:**

- I. At the time of admission, the nurse explains the optional HIV testing to the patient.
  - II. If the patient wants HIV testing, the patient is instructed to fill out a Medical Request Form.
  - III. At the time of the admission lab work, the phlebotomist draws an extra tiger top tube and leaves the tube of blood at MCDC. The tube is marked with the patients identifier number (not the name). MCDC nursing staff spins the blood and places the blood in the refrigerator.
  - IV. One of the HIV counselors will provide confidential pre-counseling and complete all the necessary paper work, including a signed consent form.
  - V. Once the pre-counseling is complete, the patient's blood along with the appropriate paper work is packaged and sent to the State Lab for testing.
  - VI. When the results come back, the HIV counselor will complete post-counseling, giving the patient a copy of the test results. The original test result is filed in the patient's chart.
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